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Programmable Industrial Control Systems)
Atty. Docket No.: CTC-0002)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 22, 2004, applicants elect without traverse prosecution of the Examiner's asserted Group I claims which include 1-17, 56-69, and 126-128.

Respectfully submitted,

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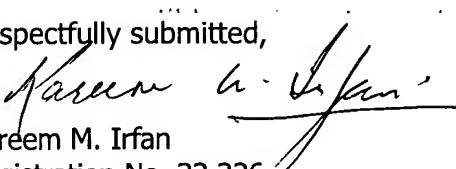
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

For the above mentioned application, enclosed please find a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time; a Response to Restriction Requirement; and a return post card.

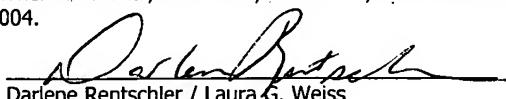
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